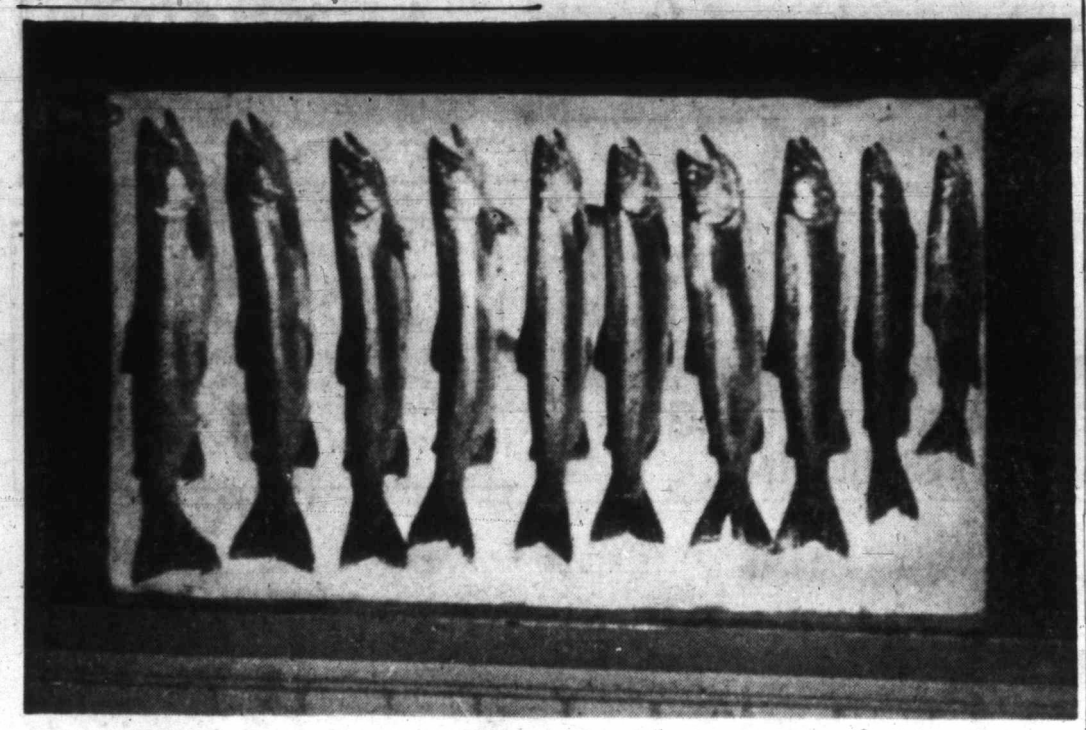

Good Fishing at Prospect Lake

Additional proof of good fishing in Prospect Lake is furnished by photograph of 10 cutthroat trout caught last weekend by Ron and Erwin Shea. Nine of fish were more than 12 inches. Other anglers have also made good catches of trout in lake and there are reports that small-mouth black bass to five pounds have been taken during past few days.

Jim Tang's

TACKLE BOX

Fisheries biologists of the Fish and Game Department are embarked on a program of lake "rehabilitation" designed to improve fishing for the future. It's a program that should, in the long run, benefit anglers in most instances but one wonders if some lakes wouldn't be better left the way they are and if there isn't a trend to sacrifice some excellent small-mouth bass fishing for hatchery-reared trout.

A case in point is Prospect Lake, which has a good stock of good-sized small-mouths as well as a fair number of cutthroat trout. But Prospect is on the list of lakes to be "chemically rehabilitated" and plans call for restocking with trout.

Casting for small-mouths is certainly superior fishing to dragging a lake troll and worm for 10 or 12-inch hatchery trout. Besides, we have plenty of trout lakes as it is and it would not be amiss to keep the few good bass lakes we have We lost a pretty good one when Fuller's Lake near Chemainus was treated last year.

Biologists will argue that their tests show that Prospect Lake is better suited to trout but the fact remains that it is one of the better bass lakes and it would certainly be a shame to destroy this fishing and have the sporty bass that are there now replaced by trout, particularly when restocking every year would be needed to keep a supply of fish.

It is, I believe, still possible to "save" Prospect. All that is needed are some strong protests from residents and others who fish there. Here is one.

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The fifth annual Daily Colonist King Fisherman Contest will again start on May 1. As far as is known the biggest fishing competition on the continent, the King Fisherman Contest this year will offer something new in prizes and will again be expanded in its scope. Announcement of this year's plans will be made later this month.

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First spring salmon derby of the season will be staged Sunday by the Crofton Community Centre. All proceeds from the competition will be used to help complete baseball park grounds and to help finance the Crofton Babe Ruth League baseball club.

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Annual general meeting of the Cowichan Bay Salmon Club will be held at the IOOF Hall in the Whittome Building, Duncan, starting at 8 p.m. next Wednesday. Election of officers, the treasurer's report and the presentation of trophies won last year are the main items on the agenda. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

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Fishing reports gathered yesterday were only fair but better things seem in prospect for anglers after an unusually-stormy March which kept most fishermen at home most of the time and made matters spotty for those who did venture out. The barometer is up—a "fisherman's glass"—and the coming weekend could be the best in some time.

Fresh-water reports are highlighted by steadily-improving lake fishing. On the lower half of the Island, Shawnigan is producing well, Kemp is a good bet and Cowichan Lake, where anglers have been pulling out trout up to and over three pounds, an excellent producer. The usual lures—small wobblers, flatfish and lake troll with worm—are good in all lakes while flys have been scoring in Shawnigan lake both for trollers and casters.

Prospect Lake has also been yielding some good catches of trout and there are reports of good bass fishing with small-mouths up to five pounds taken.

In the Campbell River area lakes are all opening up and there has been particularly good fishing in the Lower and Upper Campbell. Trout are rising in many lakes and a good bet for fly fishermen would be McIvor, now a part of Lower Campbell.

Best rivers for steelheaders would seem to be the Oyster and the Salmon, which has been the best Island river for the past month or five weeks. Good catches were reported from the Salmon last weekend and a new run of squaretails between six and eight pounds has moved into the Oyster. After a week of rain, the Cowichan is currently too high for good fishing but a few more days of bright weather could change conditions.

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For salmon fishermen, the best bet is Saanich Inlet, where bluebacks averaging more than two pounds and a few springs in the four-to-six-pound class are providing some fair sport.

Hall's Boathouse reported yesterday was the best day of the year at the Goldstream end with a good run of blues around Goldstream Island willing to fall for a bucktail fly. Brian Ferguson and family boarded 10 between 1 and 4 p.m. yesterday, Tony Rosin got his limit of eight in the morning. Jack McDougall picked up six in a couple of hours in the afternoon and A. E. Cutler and party took eight, also in the afternoon. All were reported using green and white bucktail flys.

Fishing is fair for anglers out from Brentwood. Jim Creed picked up six blues yesterday morning off Whittaker's Point using the small Strip-Teaser and four ounces of weight. Out from the Anchorage Boothouse, Lance Littlewood and Noble Stokes each boated two small springs off Willis Point, also on the small Strip-Teaser.

Third Term for Buxton

Ken Buxton has been re-elected for a third term as president of the Esquimalt and District Anglers' Association.

Doug Smith was elected vice-president; Ken Benndall, secretary, and Ed Polinsky, treasurer. Committee members are Jim Smart, Jim Roger, Art Finnerty and Mel Sillars.

Annual Labor Day coho derby will be held Sept. 5-7. The ladies' derby is set for Sept. 12-13 and the junior derby for Sept. 19-20.

Fast Start Gives Habs Close Win

MONTREAL—Scoring all their goals in the first 17 minutes of play, Montreal Canadiens staved off a late Chicago rush to earn a 4-2 victory and move within a lone game of a Stanley Cup berth.

Canadiens now lead the best-of-seven, semi-final series, 3-2, with the sixth game scheduled for Chicago Saturday night. Even by losing Saturday, coach Toe Blake's powerful league champions would be odds-on favorites to wrap up the series if a seventh game is needed at Montreal next Tuesday.

Andre Pronovost, Marcel Bonin, Claude Provost and Bernie (Boom-Boom) Geoffrion scored the Montreal goals before a hometown crowd of 14,355.

Tod Sloan and Eric Nesterenko scored for Chicago.

BIG OUTBURST

Montreal electrified the huge crowd with an explosive four-goal start. Pronovost stunned Chicago goalie Glenn Hall when the game was less than two minutes old, deflecting Doug Harvey's point shot into the net.

Bonin's seventh goal in six games put Canadiens ahead, 2-0, halfway through the period with Chicago shorthanded; and four minutes later Provost made it 3-0, drilling a 30-footer through Hall's legs.

Chicago was shorthanded again when Geoffrion's bullet shot down the middle hit Chicago's Glen Skov and caromed behind Hall at 16.38.

Chicago mustered only six shots during a less spectacular second period but Sloan got the only goal, batting in Pierre Pilote's rebound at three minutes, with Montreal's Tom Johnson in the penalty box.

Nesterenko cut the deficit in half with a whirl-around backhander at 5.11 of the final. From this point on Chicago pressed continuously but missed a golden opportunity when Earl Balfour broke away from a Montreal power play only to have Jacques Plante glove his high 10-footer.

Referee Frank Udvari called a record 13 minor penalties in the first period, seven on Montreal, plus a misconduct to Chicago's Al Arbour.

FIRST PERIOD

1. Montreal, Pronovost (Harvey) 1.34.
2. Montreal, Bonin (Moore, Harvey) 10.48.
3. Montreal, Provist (Harvey, Moore) 14.35.
4. Montreal, Geoffrion (H. Richard, Moore) 16.38.

Penalties: Pilote 1.45, Nesterenko, Pronovost 4.07, Johnson 4.37, Harvey 6.31, Evans, Geoffrion 9.35, Arbour 10.25, Harvey 13.11, Arbour (misconduct, minor) 15.33, Harvey 19.18, Turner, Litzenberger 20.00.

SECOND PERIOD

5. Chicago, Sloan (Pilote, Litzenberger) 3.00.

Penalties: Johnson 2.15, Pilote 5.35, Lindsay (major) 16.05, Talbot 17.40.

THIRD PERIOD

6. Chicago, Nesterenko (Wharram, Pilote) 5.11.

Penalties: Ferguson 2.35, Nesterenko 12.38.

According to Solunar Tables calculated for this area, the best times for fishing and hunting for today and tomorrow will be as follows (Times shown are Pacific Standard Time):

TODAY			
A.M.		P.M.	
Minor	Major	Minor	Major
1.50	8.00	2.10	8.25
TOMORROW			
2.40	8.50	3.00	9.15

Major solunar periods, lasting 1½ to 2 hours, dark type.
Minor periods, shorter in duration, light type.

Amazing Leafs Ahead After 4-1 Boston Win

BOSTON—Toronto's amazing Maple Leafs moved a step closer to a berth in the Stanley Cup final by shellacking Boston Bruins 4-1 here Thursday night before a sellout crowd of 13,909 disbelieving fans.

Result of the stimulating victory on foreign ice gave coach George (Punch) Imlach's Maple Leafs a commanding 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven semi-final series with the sixth game scheduled for Toronto Saturday.

The victory was the third straight in the series for Toronto, another tremendous performance by a team that was lodged in the NHL cellar through most of the season before winning its last five games and the fourth playoff spot.

BOWER SHINES

Goalie John Bower of Toronto was the game's individual standout. Playing his 14th year as a professional at the age of 33, he repulsed everything the Bruins had to offer with the exception of Jerry Toppazzini's third-period goal.

Maple Leafs were sitting on a 4-0 bulge when Toppazzini scored and the only result of the goal was that Bower lost a chance for his first NHL playoff shutout.

Toronto goals were scored by Bert Olmstead, Dick Duff, Frank Mahovolich and penalty-killing specialist Bob Pulford—on a third-period break with Toronto shorthanded.

POWERPLAY GOAL

Olmstead shot Toronto into a 1-0 first-period lead on a powerplay goal at 9.26 and Duff made it 2-0 after two periods, stealing the puck for an unassisted goal at 6.37.

Boston, whose repeated dangerous attacks in the latter stages of the second period were turned back mainly through Bower's splendid work, had most of its spark drained at 19 seconds of the final period when Mahovolich scored after a near miss by Boston directly from the face-off.

Bower came up with 32 saves for Toronto while Harry Lumley, mainstay for Boston in the entire series, turned back 22 at the other end.

BRIGHT SPOT

Boston captain Fern Flaman took his usual shift for the Bruins, even though hampered by a groin injury that would have put most men on the inactive list. He was one of Boston's few bright spots.

Toronto — goal: Bower; defence: Horton, Stanley, Baun, Brewer, Reaume, Price; forwards: Harris, Ehman, Mahovlich, Brian Cullen, G. Armstrong, Duff, Pulford, Stewart, Olmstead, Migay, Collins.

Boston — goal: Lumley; defence: R. Armstrong, Boivin, Hillman, Morrison, Bionda, Flaman; forwards: Horvath, Stasiuk, McKenney, Bucyk, Mackell, Toppazzini, Leach, Labine, Gendron, Yackel, Reibel.

Referee: Powers; linesmen: Morrison, Armstrong.

FIRST PERIOD

1. Toronto, Olmstead (Mahovlich, G. Armstrong), 9.26.

Penalties: Duff 5.04, Flaman 8.12, Horton 9.36, Leach (two minors) 9.36, Gendron 11.58, Brewer 19.06.

SECOND PERIOD

2. Toronto, Duff 6.37.

Penalties: Horton 1.04, Morrison 2.31, Pulford 10.28, Morrison 14.00, Horton 15.45.

THIRD PERIOD

3. Toronto, Mahovlich (Ehman), 0.19.
4. Toronto, Pulford 9.02.
5. Boston, Toppazzini (Morrison, Mackell), 11.25.

Penalties: Labine 4.43, 12.11, Gendron 5.47, Brewer 7.50.

Stops:

Bower	9	11	12	—32
Lumley	9	9	4	—22

SKIP McKAY
. . . to Victoria?

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Shamrocks Wooing Lumley and McKay

By JIM TANG

Victoria Shamrocks, who missed the Inter-City Lacrosse League playdowns for the first time last year, are trying to sign Nanaimo star Skip McKay and may even make their Mann Cup bid this season with an old foe, John Lumley, on their side.

McKay, second to Jack Bionda in the individual scoring race last season and rated by many lacrosse followers as at least the equal of the former Shamrock ace, has not yet been signed by Nanaimo and indications are that there will be a spirited tussle for his services between the two Island clubs.

After being assured that the Nanaimo club was fully aware of the Victoria effort to lure McKay, a spokesman for the Shamrocks admitted his club had approached the starry defenceman and was trying to persuade him to transfer to the city club.

The Shamrocks also admitted being interested in Lumley, reported on his way to the West Coast with the intention of lining up with an ICLL club.

During his stormy stay in the ICLL, Lumley played with Nanaimo. His best season was his first—in 1953—when he led the league in goals with 61 and finished second to Whitey Severson in the individual scoring race, 76 points to 100. Lumley also set a league high of 136 minutes in penalties that season.

He wasn't nearly so effective in 1954, getting 31 goals and 21 assists in 25 games. In 1955, he appeared in only 11 games, scoring 17 goals and making 11 assists. He was supposed to have rejoined the Nanaimo club last season but stayed in Ontario.

While McKay and Lumley are only prospective members of the Shamrocks, the club made certain of some scoring punch yesterday by signing veteran Jim McNulty.

BAD KNEE

Handicapped by a bad knee, McNulty was only a shadow of the player who scored 78 goals for Nanaimo in 1955 as he slumped to his worst season while playing for the Rocks last year. But he reports his knee gave him no trouble during a full hockey schedule this winter and he expects to regain his old-time form, which would make him again one of the most-feared sharpshooters in the game.

Taking a bit of the edge off the news of the signing of McNulty was the continued holdout of Pee Wee Bradshaw. The stocky forward and the Rocks are still far apart and club officials say that they are not counting on his services at the moment.

Outside of McKay and Lumley, the Shamrocks are not likely to add any new players. The deadline for transfers from Eastern Canada has passed and club officials say they are not negotiating with any other ICLL players. A rumor that Gogie Stewart might end up with the Rocks seemed ended yesterday with the announcement that Stewart had been signed by Nanaimo.

Barring the signing of McKay and/or Lumley, the Rocks will make their bid this season with the same veterans they had last season plus some promising young talent from the junior Shamrocks.

COACH OPTIMISTIC

But coach Norm Baker is optimistic that it will be enough to again make the Victoria club the team to beat. He feels that both McNulty and Derry Davies, also handicapped by injuries last season, are likely to be their old selves and that Ron Jay, former Ontario junior scoring champion who couldn't get untracked last season, is certain to improve. He also hopes that veterans Al Gill, Archie Browning and Severson will be with the club from the start to provide the balance for the youngsters he is counting on to help restore the old club spirit.

The Shamrocks will hold their first workout at the S. J. Willis Junior High School gym Monday night, move into Memorial Arena for regular workouts next Wednesday.

Expected to show up for workouts are holdovers Geordie Johnston and Don Hamilton, who will vie for the goalkeeping job; Davies, Tom Druce, Jack Northup, Lew Landess, Jay, Ed Kowalyk, Al Davies, Art Green, Severson, Bert Bertoia and McNulty, not due to arrive until April 11. Junior grads expected include Bob and Jack Showers, Dave Edgar, Tom English, Tom Wyatt, George and Jack Wilson, Doug Flynn, Jim McNeill, Stew Smith and Bob McKee.

Flin Flon Trims Kings

EDMONTON (CP — Flin Flon Bombers took a 3-0 stranglehold on the Western Canada Memorial Cup semi-finals as they defeated Edmonton Oil Kings 10-1 Thursday night.

Overtime Win

REGINA (CP)—Pat Lundy scored with 27 seconds remaining in overtime to give Regina Caps a 6-5 win over Port Arthur Bearcats Thursday night and tie their best-of-five Western Canada Allan Cup semi-final series 2-2.

Alberni Ties Basket Series With Victory Over Chinooks

LETHBRIDGE (CP) — Alberni Athletics squared the best-of-three Alberta-British Columbia senior A men's basketball series at one game each Thursday night with a 73-69 win over the Southern Alberta Chinooks.

Third game in the series is set for Saturday.

Centre Ken Larson led the winners as he fired 23 points before fouling out with less than three minutes left in the game.

Doug Brinham, held to four points in the first half, finished the game with 16 while Al Brown chipped in with 14 to help lead the Alberni attack.

Bob Bradley was best for Chinooks with 18 points. Al West and Jack Lilja each had 13.

Chinooks boasted a 32-27 lead at halftime but Alberni came back strong to overtake the Albertans shortly after the second half began.

Southern Alberta—Lilja (13), L. West (12), A. West (13), Karren (2), Stevenson, Terry, Bradley (18), Ennis (5), Kruger (6), Doram. Total 69.

Alberni—Samarin (8), Brown (14), Hill, Grisdale (2), Brinham (16), Stephens, Larson (23), Gaflioux (2), Panton, Williamson (8). Total 73.

Soccer Exhibition Winds Up in Draw

Thursday night's soccer test between "probable" and "possible" members of Victoria Evcoes produced a 2-2 tie at Royal Athletic Park and among other things it went a long way towards helping coach Willie Hamilton select more players for his club.

George Wright and Antol Major scored the goals that put "probables" into the lead, and one that appeared to be unsurmountable as the game entered it's final stages.

Just when all appeared lost, "Possibles" suddenly came to life and rammed in a pair of quick goals by Morris Bunyan and impressive Dick Nellestisn to tie the score shortly before full time.

Evcoes are attempting to line up an exhibition game with one of the top mainland teams for a week Saturday. Capilanos or Wallaces of the First Division will likely provide the opposition.

BASEBALL PRACTICE

Saturday morning practice for last year's Pearce Electric of the senior amateur baseball league will be staged at Macdonald Park at 10. All last year's players and interested newcomers are welcome.

Stamps Start Series With Smart Victory

CALGARY (CP) — Calgary Stampeders held off a late third-period rally Thursday night to edge Winnipeg Warriors 3-2 and take the first game of the Western Hockey League prairie division best-of-seven final series.

The second game is set for Calgary Saturday night.

Chuck Blair, returning to play after a leg injury, scored once for Calgary, as did Murray Wilkie and Howie Glover. Gerry Brisson and Ray Brunel were the Winnipeg Marksmen.

A crowd of 7,129 fans saw Calgary coasting along on a 3-0 margin late in the third period. However, a pair of goals in 16 seconds by Winnipeg narrowed the margin to one goal but Warriors were stopped dead for the last eight minutes.

Winnipeg — Goal: Rollins; defence: Folk, Zemrau, Johns, Chrystal; forwards: Lamoureux, Ross, Wittuk, Brisson, Brunel, Johannsen, Hynes, Kapusta, Mosienko.

Calgary — Goal: Edwards; defence: Wald, Hucul, Robazza, Erickson; forwards: C. Blair, D. Blair, Hicks, Dorohoy, Hay, Leopold, Wilkie, Finney, Glover.

Refere: Al Paradice; linesmen: Hamilton, Pelletier.

FIRST PERIOD

1. Calgary, C. Blair (Finney), 8.38.

Penalties: Johns 10.07, Mosienko 19.51, Glover 18.51.

SECOND PERIOD

2. Calgary, Wilkie 13.39.

Penalties: Hay 3, Johns 3.56, Hucul (major) 12.28, Hynes (major) 12.28, Robazza 14.52.

THIRD PERIOD

3. Calgary, Glover (D. Blair), 10.09.
4. Winnipeg, Brisson (Mosienko, Brunel), 12.19.
5. Winnipeg, Brunel, 12.35.

Penalties: Chrystal (major) 7.38, Hicks (major) 7.38, Ward 9.44.

Stops:

Rollins	16	9	14	—39
Edwards	8	8	4	—20

FAN FARE By Walt Ditzen

Top Coho From Skeena

B.C. Rivers Productive

NEW YORK (CP) — Canadian coastal rivers scored a clean sweep in the Atlantic and silver (coho) salmon divisions of the 1958 Field and Stream fishing contest. Results are announced in the magazine's April issue.

Newfoundland strengthened its claim as the top bluefin tuna grounds, taking first place for the second year in a row and placing six fish in the top 10. All came from Conception Bay on the east coast. Jack Bell of St. John's took the winner, a 797-pounder.

Quebec and New Brunswick rivers produced all top 10 Atlantic salmon with a 46-pounder taken by Mrs. Dorothy J. Killam of Montreal from the Grand Cascapedia on Quebec's Gaspe Peninsula ranking first. The fish hit a silver durham ranger fly.

Best silver (coho) salmon was 22 pounds, 13 ounces, caught at Copper River on British Columbia's Skeena, by Chris Behnsen of Sandspit, B.C. Another Sandspit angler, Arthur Matson, was second with a fish from the same stream which weighed 21 pounds, seven ounces.

Rivers Inlet, on the B.C. mainland just north of Vancouver Island, gave up the top chinook (tyee) salmon to John M. Haugen of Everett, Wash. It weighed 69½ pounds.

Canada placed only two fish in the western rainbow trout division, which includes steelhead. W. A. McMahon of Seattle was third with a 14-pounder in the fly-casting group with a 14-pounder from the Kispiox, a Skeena tributary. The winner weighed 16 pounds, seven ounces and was caught in Washington's Columbia River by Lowell Johnson.

Other Canadian placings in the top five include:

Chinook (tyee) salmon — 5. Richard E. Walton, Everett, Wash.—Rivers Inlet, B.C.

Silver (coho) salmon — 3. Roy S. Jones, Skidegate, B.C., 19 lbs. 3 ozs.—Queen Charlotte Islands, B.C.; 4. E. D. Sismey, Pasadena, Calif., 18 lbs. 12 ozs. —Sayward, B.C.; 5. J. E. McConnell, Toronto, 18 pounds —Copper River, B.C.